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SUBJ: LOS-FIRST DAY OF EVENSEN GROUP MEETING ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH

1. SUMMARY-EVENSEN GROUP HELD FIRST MEETINGS ON MARINE  
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH MSR) AND MADE LIMITED PROGRESS,  
COMPLETING FIRST READING OF ARTICLE I AND II OF SINGLE TEXT.  
LATINS AND WEO GROUP WELL REPRESENTED AT HEAD OF DELEGATION  
LEVEL, BUT PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF LAND-LOCKED AND  
GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED GROUP AND ASIAN GROUP IS  
MINIMAL. BLACK AFRICAN STATES REPRESENTED ONLY BY GABON,  
SENEGAL AND CONGO. END SUMMARY.

2. DISCUSSION OF FIRST TWO ARTICLES DOMINATED BY LATINS  
WITH PERU,CHILE,MEXICO,ECUADOR,ARGENTINA,COLUMBIA, AND  
VENEZUELA ALL SPEAKING. DURING DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE I  
(DEFINITION OF MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH), ISSUE OF MSG  
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CONDUCTED BY SATELLITES WAS RAISED AS A RESULT OF FRENCH

PROPOSAL TO ADD PHRASE "IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT" TO DEFINITION. (DETAILS REPORTED SEPTEL. FRANCE WAS SUPPORTED BY USSR, JAPAN, US, AUSTRALIA, POLAND, FRG, IRELAND, SWEDEN, AND UK. PERU, ECUADOR, AND CHILE OPPOSED FRENCH AMENDMENT. MEXICO, CO-SPONSOR OF DOCUMENT WHICH USED SAME PHRASE (L.29) INTERVENED TO STATE THEIR INTERPRETATION WAS THAT SATELLITES AND AIRCRAFT WERE COVERED UNDER THE PHRASE. PERU PROPOSED DELETION OF WORD "MAN'S" IN PHRASE "INCREASE MAN'S KNOWLEDGE", BUT DEBATE ON THIS PROPOSAL WAS INCONCLUSIVE. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT PHRASE "FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONVENTION" COULD BE ADDED AS INITIAL CLAUSE. EVENSEN SEEMED UNEASY THAT DISCUSSION REPEATEDLY TURNED BACK TO SATELLITE QUESTION AND FINALLY DEBATE ENDED WITH STIPULATION THAT THE DEFINITION WOULD BE RE-EXAMINED UPON COMPLETION OF THE FIRST READING OF OTHER ARTICLES. DEBATE ON ARTICLE II FOCUSED ON WHETHER ARTICLE GRANTED A RIGHT TO CONDUCT RESEARCH OR WAS SIMPLY A GENERAL PRINCIPLE. PERU PROPOSED DELETION BUT RECEIVED LITTLE SUPPORT AND AFTER INCONCLUSIVE AND SOMEWHAT DISJOINTED DISCUSSION EVENSEN PROPOSED AGAIN THAT THE GROUP MOVE ON, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT ARTICLE II MIGHT BE REOPENED.

3. COMMENT: BASED ON FIRST DAY'S MEETINGS, IT APPEARS THE TWO MAIN SOURCES OF CONCERN ARE 1) THE NONREPRESENTATIVE NATURE OF THE GROUP AND; 2) THE SLOW PROGRESS OF THE DISCUSSION. THE LATTER MAY BE AS A RESULT OF PURPOSEFUL STALLING BY PERU, ALTHOUGH IT IS THE GROUP ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE THE NEXT TEN ARTICLE ON TUESDAY, AND IS CLEARLY LOOKING TO SPEED THINGS UP. US DEL INTENDS TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT STRONGLY. THE REPRESENTATIONAL ISSUE IS OF A SERIOUS NATURE SINCE MANY DELS SEEM TO FEEL THAT IT IS A MISTAKE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS IF THE GROUP IS NOT FULLY REPRESENTATIVE. US DEL IS OF OPINION THAT THIS MAY IN FACT BE THE CASE AS REGARDS PUBLIC POSITION ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BUT INTENDS TO WORK ACTIVELY IN CORRIDORS TO SELL OUR OWN APPROACH AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE AND MOVE THE MSR NEGOTIATION INTO THE FINAL STAGE. IN PUBLIC DISCUSSION, DEL WILL MAINTAIN US POSITION WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CONFIDENTIAL

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